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Mr. Michael Powell
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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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Dear Mr. Powell:

I understand that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering eliminating or reallocating the Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS) channels run by not-for-profit organizations for educational purposes.

As Brooklyn Borough President, I represent the 2.5 million people in Brooklyn, the City's most populous borough, which is also the State's most populous county. As an independently elected official, I serve as an advocate for Brooklyn's residents to assure that they receive appropriate governmental and other services. Hence, my interest in the proposal before the FCC.

Millions of persons nationally receive ITFS programming. If the ITFS channels are reallocated, it will curtail efforts to use these channels for new distance learning, interactive instruction, video-on-demand, high-speed Internet access, and other services students and schools need.

I urge you not to eliminate or reallocate ITFS, allowing ITFS to continue serving a student population in need. Thank you in advance for your favorable consideration of Brooklyn's concerns.

Sincerely,

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